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GEORGIA OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR
GEORGIANS

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- 11. (C) The military adviser to Minister of Defense Pieter De Crem informed us that the GoB is consulting with OSCE about the latter's efforts to expand its group of military observers in Georgia from the current eight to a possible one hundred and has offered to contribute ten Belgian military officers of whatever rank and type OSCE could use.
- ¶2. (C) The acting director of the cabinet of Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht had confirmed August 18 that the GoB will provide 500,000 euros for humanitarian aid to the Georgians but is still investigating how this aid should be distributed, probably via either the International Red Cross or the United Nations.